

# This Week's News

## IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday April 27th, 2025

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### Silent Key – Noel Clarke EI4IQ

It is with a very sad and heavy heart that we report the death of Noel Clarke EI4IQ from Maynooth, Co. Kildare on Friday April 25th, 2025. At the time of compiling the news, funeral details were not yet available.

Born in 1926, Noel's great interest in radio persisted throughout his life. He will be particularly remembered for his energy, enthusiasm, and knowledge across a vast array of radio-related and adjacent topics. He especially enjoyed recounting his experiences and knowledge during the nightly South Dublin Radio Club 2m SSB nets up to near present day.

Noel connected with many and will now be sadly missed by many. We extend our deepest sympathies with his family, extended family, neighbours, and large circle of friends. May his noble soul rest in peace - ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam uasal.

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### HAREC exams on May 17th

HAREC exams will take place on the 17th of May 2025 in the Clayton Hotel Dublin Airport. The address is Stockhole Lane, Clonshagh, Co Dublin, K67 X3H5.

If attending the exam by public transport, a complementary shuttle bus service is available from Dublin Airport to the venue.

The morning exam will commence at 11 a.m. and ends at 1 p.m. The afternoon exam will then commence at 2 p.m. and concludes at 4 p.m.

The closing date for applications is Monday the 5th of May.

For further information, please see the licensing section of the IRTS website or contact Mick EI6IKB at [IRTS\\_exams /at/ irts.ie](mailto:IRTS_exams@irts.ie).

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### Echo Ireland and EI News updates

The printed IRTS magazine 'Echo Ireland' is produced quarterly. On the other eight months, the online Newsletter "EI News" is available on the first day of each month to members.

The deadline for input to the May edition of EI News is Tuesday April 29th. The deadline for the summer edition of Echo Ireland is May 31st.

Please send any input for either publication to [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie). If you do not receive an email with a link to EI News, please contact the membership officer at [memrecords /at/ irts.ie](mailto:memrecords@irts.ie).

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### Insurance for IRTS members and clubs

We are now in the busier part of the year regarding radio-related activities outdoors and in public spaces. The IRTS provides public liability insurance cover for all paid up IRTS members and affiliated clubs. This valuable benefit is included as part of the IRTS membership fee.

When preparing for events, you are reminded to include, complete, and submit a risk assessment as part of your preparations.

To simplify this, you can use a risk assessment and method statement template that can be downloaded from the IRTS website. Completed assessments should be sent to the IRTS insurance officer by email. Further details may be found at [www.irts.ie/insurance](http://www.irts.ie/insurance)

If help or clarification is needed, you can also contact the IRTS insurance officer via email to [insurance@irts.ie](mailto:insurance@irts.ie).

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### **Celebrating 100 Years of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU)**

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) celebrates its centenary this year. This marks a century of dedication to promoting and safeguarding amateur radio across the globe. To commemorate this historic milestone, the IRTS is operating the special event callsign EIØIARU until June 15th, 2025.

This special station represents not only Ireland's involvement in this worldwide celebration, but also the spirit of unity, innovation, and communication that amateur radio has fostered for a century. EIØIARU celebrates the past 100 years of innovation, community, and advocacy. Amateur radio operators around the world are invited to be part of this centennial celebration.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC**

EI2WRC will be active from Rosslare, Co. Wexford, today, April 27th for International Marconi Day. The International Marconi Day activation is a yearly special event to celebrate birthday of Marconi. Marconi established a wireless transmitting station on the site where Marconi House now stands in Rosslare in 1901.

The club extends a special thanks to the Cornish Radio Amateur Club G4CRC, the Rosslare Development Association, Wexford County Council, Eleanor White, Lorna Morris, and EI2WRC's own Steve Kelly EI2JLB. You are invited to keep a listen out on HF throughout the day for the group.

The April meeting of the EI2WRC group will take place tomorrow, Monday, April 28th at 8 p.m. sharp at the South East Technological University. Netlabs Research and Innovation Building, SETU West Campus, Carriganore, Waterford. The Eircode is X91 WR86. New members or anyone that has an interest in amateur radio or communications in general are very welcome to come along. SWLs are in particular very welcome to attend also.

For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie)

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### **South Dublin Radio Club AGM and Tech Week Radio Night**

South Dublin Radio Club's AGM takes place at 8 p.m. on Tuesday next, the 29th of April 2025. The venue is the Ballyroan community centre on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham. All members are asked to attend.

The club also has a big event coming up in May. South Dublin Radio Club will be hosting an exciting amateur radio open night as part of Dublin Tech Week. This is a week-long celebration of innovation and technology, uniting tech lovers, professionals, and communities across the city.

At the radio night, participants will be able to experience live radio demos, hands-on experiments, and learn how radio waves connect the world. Whether you're a tech enthusiast,

tinkerer, or curious beginner, you will be able to discover the magic of amateur radio and how you can get involved. You can try your hand at radio operations, digital modes, and DIY electronics.

All are welcome to explore the world of wireless communication. It will be hosted in the Ballyroan Community Centre, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14. The Eircode is D14 F1W1. More information about the week of events may be found at [dublintechweek.com](http://dublintechweek.com).

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### **Mid Ulster Amateur Radio Club Activation**

The Mid Ulster Amateur Radio club is active as an award station during International Marconi Day over this weekend. They are operating from Navan Fort in Armagh city. The club is active on all bands using the club call GI3VFW.

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### **Radio Rally Updates**

Lough Erne Amateur Club's Radio Rally takes place on Sunday the 18th of May 2025. The venue is the Share Discovery Village, 221 Lisnaskea Road, Lisnaskea, Enniskillen, BT92 0JZ. Doors will open at 11 a.m. Entry costs five euro or five pounds which includes a ticket for the draw.

The rally will include a bring and buy and usual facilities including food and refreshments. Further details are available at [LoughErneRadioClub.co.uk](http://LoughErneRadioClub.co.uk).

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### **Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News**

That is the news for this week. Thanks to everyone for sending items into the weekly IRTS radio news. They are very much appreciated and are a great way to update the rest of the community about activities. If you have any club events, activities, meetings, or other items of interest, you are very welcome to email [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie) with the details. These will be automatically forwarded to the IRTS radio and printed news services. The deadline each week is midnight on Thursdays.

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